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In your story "JFK Censored?" (PRESS, Oct. 3) you state in connection with William Manchester's forthcoming book, "The Death of a President," that John Seigenthaler "last week denied he had seen the manuscript." A reporter for NEWSWEEK telephoned me and commented: "I understand you are one of those asked by the Kennedys to do political editing on Manchester's book." I said: "You are in error about that."

I have read the manuscript—I would not have denied it had I been asked—and I have raised some questions about accuracy and common-sense reporting with the publishers, Harper & Row. But I have not been "asked by the Kennedys to do political editing on William Manchester's book." That was your suggestion. That is what I denied.

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